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WUOG cut

The UAP deplores the recent actions of the Student Senate in lopping over $10,000 from the budget of campus radio station WUOG

This would seem to be an indication that the Senate is totally out of reach with the student opinion. In two days WUOG obtained more than 4,500 names on a petition to reconsider the cut. 4,500 is double the number of students who elected the present SGA.

This shows that more people care about having a quality and adequately-funded radio station than care about participating in the SGA. This shows that the Senate is totally unresponsive to their constituents, but wants only to look good in the eyes of the Administration. The powers that be want a "responsible" Student Senate, and ONWARD is determined to provide one, regardless of the wants of the students.

The vote to cut the WUOG budget was unanimous, showing that ONWARD and Coalition have banded together in an effort to emasculate the radio station. Why was the Red and Black, which took sides in the election - and lost - get a greater proportion of their request than did WUOG? The Red and Black can generate its own income from ads, while WUOG is forbidden to do this.

Student politics are at the bottom of this, and the UAP is forced to say that we told you so. ONWARD and Coalition are looking out for themselves, and are totally ignoring the needs and desires of the students who elected them.

We think the Senate should be representing you, and the voice of the students has been heard. Adequate funding for WUOG has been called for by almost 1/4 of the student body in the WUOG petition. The Senators blissfully ignore this fact of life. Every Senator present at that meeting voted against WUOG, and in doing so, voted against 4,500 students.

SENATE

While we're on the subject of the Student Senate, we'd like to note here for the record that at least 15 of the ONWARD senators have been absent from every Senate meeting since the second one. The Coalition forces, however, have managed to get all or nearly all of their people to each meeting. It goes to show something about party organization.

During the campaign we stated that election seemed to be the only goal of the ONWARD party. It seems that we have been proven correct again.

We would hate to see a working Coalition majority in the Senate by Christmas, but it's beginning to look that way.

McCommons

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: Pete McCommons, co-editor of the Athens Observer, last week commented on our expose of his paper. McCommons berated us: "You people have put together a bunch of *(adjective deleted)* facts!"

Sounds like a scathing indictment of the Peoples' Observer. It just goes to show the difference in us and the Athens Observer. We work with facts.

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MORE ON THE ATHENS OBSERVER

We note that Wes Whitehead, "local CWA representative", according to the Athens Observer, has been dropped from the list of contributors to that paper. Could the UAP's expose of this fact have something to do with this?

Jewel John, also a contributor to the Athens Observer, has qualified to run for the Clarke County Commission. She joins the ranks of such notables as Steve Patrick (also an Athens Observer contributor), Scott McLarty, and Homer C. Cooper (advisor to SGA under the Patrick/Coalition administration).

ANOTHER "COMMONIST" PLOT !

Reports have recently come to light that Common Cause is being organized here in Athens. Hermann Kosak and Barbara Rystrom (a crony of the Athens Observer) appear to be at the bottom of the Athens branch of this lavishly financed liberal lobby. Common Cause takes pride in being a "peoples' lobby" - but never quite reveals what people it REALLY represents.

Let's turn to the Washington Post of August 23, 1971 for a who's who of the financial interests in back of this most un-common organization. The list includes the left-wing, tax-exempt Ford and Rockefeller Foundations, as well as the super-secret, subversing Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), which is based in New York City. In fact, the founder of Common Cause, John Gardner, has been an open member of the CFR for some time as well as having served a stint as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare

Common Cause currently boasts a nationwide membership of over a quarter-million people - not bad for an organization which was kicked off in 1970. Around the time Gardner formed his "peoples' lobby", liberal Newsweek columnist Stewart Alsop honestly wrote that "John Gardner, who is undoubtably an admirable fellow, is no more the head of a nonpartisan citizens' lobby than I am. He's the head of a lobby for liberal Democrats."

Being a liberal organization, Common Cause naturally likes to think of itself as being in the forefront of promoting free speech (where have we heard that before?). Last fall, Common Cause sponsored (with the League of Women Vipers), a forum on public financing of campaigns. Yale Law Professor Ralph K. Winter - a liberal of impeccable credentials - was invited to be the principal speaker. He informed the League of Women Vipers of the arrangement and was informed that the forum was to be "an open discussion of the issues." When Common Cause heard of the "open discussion", they threatened to withdraw from the program. Professor Winter was "disinvited" as principal speaker and was offered a position on the panel instead. "Since I felt that I had been treated in an extremely discourteous manner, and that the context of the meeting was being censored by Common Cause," Winter said that he refused further participation. A spokesman for Common Cause called the incident "not much of a story" - indicating, we think, a little of the "commonist" mode of operation.

Here in Georgia during the month of February 1973, Barbara Cirone, of the statewide Common Cause issued a letter which accompanied a telegram purported to be from Governor George Wallace of Alabama supporting the Equal Rights Amendment. The telegram was shown by responsible elements to be a fraud, as Wallace was in Missouri the day the telegram was reportedly sent. There were also several minor errors, such as the type of the telegram, the sheet it appeared on, etc. Barbara Cirone was contacted by telephone and was called down for her duping of innocents. She promised a "clarification", which - of course - never came.

What exactly is Common Cause? It's a rather uncommon gaggle of liars, hypocrites, bankers, financial fat cats, and political dupes. As a "peoples' lobby" which promotes legislation in Washington and in all fifty state legislatures, it serves people - a small group of chosen people. People who have been reported in the media as heavy financial contributors really represent a cross section of the average American: people such as David Rockefeller (Chase Manhattan Bank chief and top CFR leader), Roy Larson (Time magazine, CFR), Sol Linowitz (Xerox, CFR), J. Richardson Dilworth (Chase Manhattan Bank, CFR), John H. Whitney (International Herald Tribune, CFR), William Paley (CBS, CFR), and Thomas Watson (IBM, CFR). DO THEY REPRESENT YOU???

When it comes to pay the piper, the only common denominator of the Common Cause organization is that they all have money at the top. The average citizen, if Common Cause is successful, will have to pay the piper as they always do - in taxation, more Federal Reserve tyranny, and more and more racial integration.

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HEW Marches Thru Georgia!

The UAP during the recently concluded SGA campaign pointed out the danger of the Federal Intervention in our educational system. Many ONWARD and Coalition personalities denounced the facts that we brought to light as "speculation." Unfortunately, they had to admit that they had not read the HEW correspondance at all. We doubt that our fearless peerless leaders have yet to read any of the letters. If the Red & Black is to be believed, the HEW plan now goes beyond the absurd lengths we exposed back in April. At that time, Regent Richard Perrauelt attacked the UAP, saying (in effect) that we didn't know what we were taking about. Now it appears that the HEW will not only close black colleges, abolish programs, shift students and faculty, and retain unqualified minorities, but they seem to plan to attack the selection process of fraternities and sororities. Although this is directly contrary to the 1964 Civil Rights Act, no one in the present SGA has been willing to stir themselves to help the student body.

Since we only receive 4.9% of our total budget from the Feds (of which only $180,000 goes towards teaching) we can easily do without the headache of Federal guidelines. Students must come together in order fight this federal menace and to show the governor's office, the Board of Regents and the Administration our displeasure with their sell-out to HEW. Mass Action is our only alternative, the time has come to show the power brokers that we have had enough!

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NOTE: The resident queer letter-writing group has shown an interesting tack lately. When letters or the UAP criticize the CGE, the worst they can say is we might be gay also.